

A Living Cross

This is the choir of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Jackson, which gave Easter concerts from this special-constructed loft shaped like a cross. Mickey Henderson is minister of music, Maurice Clayton is pastor.

Hudgins "sincerely loved and appreciated people"

By Earl Kelly
executive secretary-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Doug Hudgins was one of the most versatile men I have ever known. He was a forceful pulpiteer who managed to salvage enough time in his busy schedule to display a compassionate pastor's heart.

My family was one of the thousands of families he supported with his love, prayers, and comfort during terminal illness and death.

Doug sincerely loved and appreciated people. People responded to his loving concern. This gave him the leverage needed to bring factions from opposite poles to center stage and work together as one team.

Probably no Baptist leader in my lifetime has influenced as many facets of community and religious life as Dr. Hudgins. His contributions to the American Red Cross, Family Service Association, Mississippi Civil Air Patrol, Jackson Rotary Club, Jackson Symphony Orchestra Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the United Givers Fund were too numerous to enumerate.

Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists looked to him for leadership during crisis moments in their histories, and he did not fail them.

Dr. Hudgins was the logical choice of Mississippi Baptists to succeed Dr. Chester Quarles as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in 1969. Reluctantly he moved his offices from across the street, where he had served as pastor of First Baptist Church for 23 years, because he believed his selection to be God's design. After making a significant contribution to the total convention life, he retired in November of 1973.

He served on the committee that produced the 1963 "Baptist Faith and Message" statement, which has become the benchmark for Southern Baptist doctrine. Southern Baptist missionaries all over the world have been influenced by the leadership he gave as president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for two terms.

I have had the privilege of succeeding Dr. Hudgins as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and he has been my confidant, encourager, and loyal supporter. I will miss him very much, though I am grateful for Doug that his life ended while he was still useful to himself and those of us who remain.

Really we haven't lost Dr. Hudgins. No one is really ever lost if you know where he is.

capsules

Buffaloed

IRINGA, Tanzania (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries Larry and Sandra Scales and their family escaped uninjured after a buffalo rammed their vehicle.

The one-ton animal bashed in the side of the vehicle as the Scales drove through the Mukumi National Park on the main north-south Tanzania highway. The Scales drove away before the animal could attack again and the buffalo trotted away, seemingly unhurt.

"If they had been unable to continue driving, the animal could have demolished the vehicle and seriously injured, if not killed, the family of four," reported Evelyn Knapp, press representative for Tanzania.

The Scales, first term missionaries from Alabama, manage the Huruma Baptist Conference Center in Iringa for the Tanzania Baptist Mission and Convention. His mother, Jeanette Scales of Fairfax, Ala., was with the Scales when the attack occurred.

Drop "Lord?"

DALLAS (EP)—A United Methodist task force will recommend that the terms "Lord" and "King" generally not be used as synonyms for God because these words perpetuate the assumption that God has male characteristics, according to a Religious News Service report.

The task force on language guidelines may recommend the Aramaic word "Abba" used by Jesus as one possible synonym for God, says Carolyn Henninger Oehler of Chicago, who chairs the ten-member panel. The task force is completing its work on a major document on language about God.

The task force was assigned in 1980 to revise guidelines for eliminating racism, sexism, and ageism in church materials, as well as to suggest new God language. The panel's report will be submitted for consideration to the General Council on Ministries in April.

Musical interlude

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (EP)—A carillon and 42-foot bell tower with a six-foot cross on top has been moved from the 1983 World's Fair site in Knoxville, Tenn., and installed outside headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board in Atlanta alongside Interstate 75 and 85 connector. People will receive a musical lift from the carillon at noon and late in the afternoon.

"The concerts will be brief," said William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board. "But we will have a variety of hymns to offer, because there are 144 to choose from."

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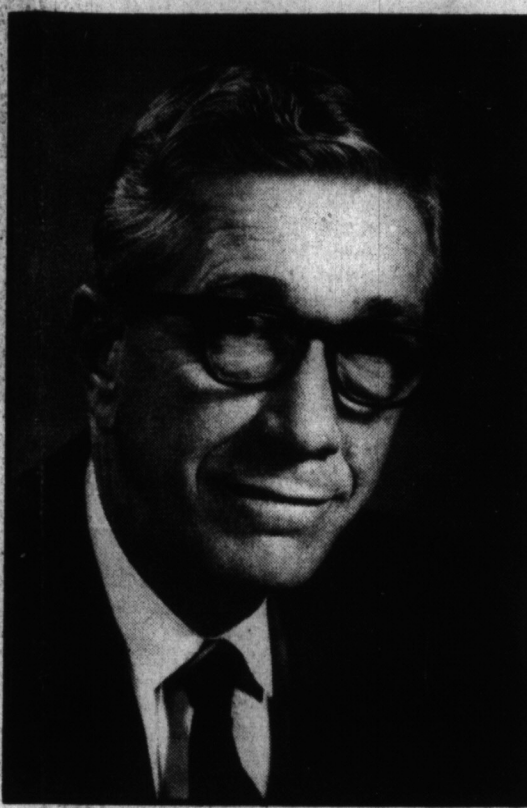
W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died March 23 in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. He was 77 years of age.

Hudgins had entered the hospital on March 9 and on March 10 had undergone surgery for the replacement of an aortic valve. Cause of death was said to be pulmonary embolism. He died at 3:52 a.m.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m. March 25 at First Baptist Church, Jackson. The body lay in state in the church auditorium building after 9 a.m. of that day. Those officiating for the service were Earl Craig, pastor; Schuyler Batson, associate pastor; and Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Burial was in Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson.

The family has requested that those wishing to make memorial gifts would send them to First Baptist Church, Jackson, to be used for



W. Douglas Hudgins

the W. Douglas Hudgins Chair of Preaching that was established there last year to honor Hudgins.

Hudgins was a native of Middle Tennessee. He was born May 4, 1905. His father was state Sunday School secretary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1908 to 1934. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Tennessee and Southern Seminary, where he earned the master of theology degree. He received the doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College in 1949.

There were several pastorates in Tennessee for Hudgins. They included Smyrna Baptist Church at Smyrna; Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, as assistant pastor; First Church, LaFollette; and Radnor Church, Nashville.

He became pastor of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, Texas, on April 12, 1936, and moved to First Church, Houston, Texas, on Nov. 15, 1943. He began his 23-year pastorate at First Church, Jackson, on April 1, 1946.

When Chester Quarles, executive

secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died in July of 1968 in Peru while on a mission trip, Hudgins became acting executive secretary. In February of 1969 he was elected to the post and resigned the pastorate of First Church, Jackson. He retired in November of 1973.

Hudgins was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1960 and served two terms. In 1962 he became chairman of the Convention Board's Executive Committee and served in that capacity until 1968. He was chairman of the fund-raising committee for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in 1959, chairman of the Education Commission from 1951 to 1953, and chairman of the building committee for the present Baptist Building in Jackson from 1964 to 1968. He was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from 1963 until 1969.

He served on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for 15 years and was chairman (Continued on page 2)

Fling tells WMU

Effective witness: personal, verbal

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Twenty Mississippi Baptist women were commissioned Monday evening, March 21, at First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, for short term volunteer mission assignments in South America. This took place during the opening session of the state Woman's Missionary Union convention, which met at First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, March 21 and 22.

Mrs. Jack Glaze of Clinton, formerly a missionary to Argentina for 25 years, delivered the commissioning address. The 20 women were to leave March 24

addresses by five missionaries: Mrs. James Foster, Surinam; Mrs. Richard Beal, Venezuela; Mrs. John Perkins, France; and Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Grober, Brazil.

In request for prayer, Mrs. Foster said: "Pray for Surinam that Christians there will be strong witnesses, and that the missionaries will retain the freedom to preach there in future years." Mrs. Beal said, "Pray that the Lord will guide us to the right city, to start a new work." Mrs. Perkins said, "Pray that the Lord will lead us to find a house that is right for our family."

Grober, who is head of the evangelism board of Brazilian Baptists, told of some of the events that took place last year in connection with the centennial of Baptist work in Brazil. He told of driving an alcohol-burning car across Brazil and of the accompanying publicity and his opportunities to say how that car related to Christianity: As the alcohol is used up to make the energy that causes the engine to run, so Christ in us is a form of energy bubbling up and overflowing into eternal life.

Mrs. Robert Fling, representing Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, interpreted the theme through devotional talks; "Accountable to give, to go, to witness, to pray." The Light-house Players from Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, closed each session with an original dramatic interpretation of the theme.

"I knew in that moment that Jesus is alive."

to be in Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina for two weeks, to teach in Baptist churches the book, *The Gifted Woman I Am*, by Marjorie Rowden Kelly. This project is in connection with Mississippi Baptists' partnership with Baptists of the Rio de la Plata.

In a Tuesday afternoon convention session, three women (Mrs. W. D. McWilliams, Mrs. Bob Dent, and Mrs. Bill Durr) told of their volunteer mission experiences in the Rio de la Plata last fall.

Women from across the state, who filled the auditorium of First Baptist Church on Monday evening, also heard



Mrs. Huron Polnac, center, home missionary, Idaho, and guest speaker at the WMU convention, talks with Judge and Mrs. R. P. Sugg, Jackson, parents of Rob Sugg, missionary to Taiwan.

Concerning witnessing, Mrs. Fling quoted from an address she had heard Glendon McCullough give at Glorieta not long before he died in an automobile accident. "He asked, 'Could Bold Mission Thrust really happen?' and then outlined a plan—1. Dream that it would 2. Believe that it would 3. Will that it would... Will to witness." She added that effective wit-

nessing needs to be personal, and verbal. As an example, she told about a Jewish woman who celebrates July 15 as her second birthday—the date of her new birth in Christ. "A couple of my friends had ministered to her, and prayed for her. Finally they both put their arms around her and said, 'Sarah, did you know that Jesus loves (Continued on page 5)

Ball games yield spiritual wins

By Don McGregor

The won-lost record was not too good for the Mississippi Baptist basketball team that visited Paraguay recently, but reports from Asuncion indicate that the won-lost sinners record was much more favorable.

The team of 10 Mississippians won one and lost two on the court. The last loss in the final game was by only two points, according to Gilbert Nichols, director of the Baptist Institute in Asuncion. A fourth game was rained out. Though it was begun on an indoor court, the rain got so bad the crowd left, Nichols said.

Nichols indicated that the team made a favorable impact on the people who attended the games, especially on the last night in Incarnacion. The people were impressed by the fact that 10 young men from the United States would go to Paraguay on their own to share the gospel. This opened up contacts that never could have been opened any other way, Nichols said.

Mrs. Dionisio Ortiz, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church, Asuncion, told the Baptist Record that the team had made a positive impact in that city, particularly for young people interested in sports. Team members used the half time during the games to deliver their testimonies, she related. They also sang as a part of their presentation.

They invited anyone interested to remain after the game to talk with (Continued on page 2)



Members of the Mississippi Baptist basketball team, in sweat suits, and the Paraguayan team the Baptists played

exchange souvenirs following the final game in Paraguay. This is a South American custom. Souvenirs are often pins.

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Black students meet in Jackson

By Gail Rothwell
JACKSON, Miss. (BP)—More than 200 black college students representing 100 campuses in 20 states gathered to attend the 38th annual retreat of the National Baptist Student Union March 18-20.

The retreat, the largest meeting of black Christian college students in the United States, is sponsored by national student ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and by the department of black church relations of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Directed by John H. Corbitt, pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C., and part-time NSM ethnic ministries consultant, the weekend conference promotes Christian growth and fellowship among black students.

Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board and one of six speakers, challenged students to use God's love in their lives to be change agents in today's world. Advancements in technology and education do not have to be the only factors bringing about change, he said.

A gospel choir concert competition and the Miss BSU pageant highlighted the annual retreat.

Greta Washington, a student at Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, was chosen from 31 contestants as the 1983 Miss BSU. The pageant encour-

ages spiritual growth, develops talent and inspires cultural growth among black college women, said Jessie Dawson, BSU advisor, Utica Junior College, Utica, Miss., and coordinator of the pageant.

Winners of the gospel choir competition were: small choir division, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; medium choir division, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and large choir division, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.

Joe McGee, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss. is 1983-84 president of the National BSU.

More than 60 seminars were offered during the conference. Topics included breaking down racial barriers, involving students in the local church, understanding God's will, how to remain Christian in an unChristian environment, strengthening the black family, understanding the Holy Spirit, and seeking to combine intellect and spirit in the black church.

Other conference speakers included T. Oscar Chappelle Sr., vice president, National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Tulsa, Okla.; Fannie C. Thompson, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Baptist convention, Tucson, Ariz.; and Hickman Johnson, pastor, Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Gail Rothwell writes for the BSSB.)



... asked to help in a Billy Graham crusade



... greeted by James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and Mrs. Sullivan



... honored by First Baptist Church, Jackson, with Schuyler Batson, left, and Mrs. Hudgins

Baptist churches, families hit by California storms

By Don Hepburn
FRESNO, Calif. (BP)—The recent rash of Pacific storms which passed through California causing millions of dollars in damage to homes and businesses also affected four Southern Baptist churches either directly or indirectly.

First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, reported damages of approximately \$100,000. But according to church business administrator Don Ellis, "While we have had a pretty extensive amount of damage, you can't relate it all to this recent storm."

Ellis said the church's multi-purpose building had experienced damage from a tornado some months earlier. "But that repair work had never been completed because of insurance settlements," he explained.

When the recent siege of rainstorms occurred "the water was able to seep

into the building and cause further damages," he related.

"It rained so long and so hard the ground would not take any more drain-off," he said. The excess water seeped into the basement through the walls, damaging the walls, carpet and some printing supplies.

In the agricultural community of Lamont, located south of Bakersfield, a flash flood caused some damage to the Harmony Baptist Church and destroyed all or part of the belongings of 18 Baptist families.

Fifteen families, members of the Maranatha Baptist Church experienced flood damage to their homes. Eight of the families lost everything, according to Ron Cunningham, moderator of the Kern Baptist Association.

Cunningham's own church, Harmony Baptist, suffered \$1,000 in water damage in the kitchen and fellowship hall due to flooding. In addition three church member families reportedly lost everything due to flooding.

In response to the disaster, churches in the Kern Association provided one and a half busloads of clothing for distribution to all the affected families in the Lamont community. Baptist Men were on the scene to assist families in removing mud and silt from homes.

In addition, the Home Mission Board provided \$6,000 in disaster relief funds. According to Cunningham, the money will be used to help the displaced Baptist families secure used refrigerators, stoves, and bedding to replace what they lost in the flood.

(Hepburn directs public relations for California Baptists.)

Games — spiritual wins

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them. A number died each night. Missionaries' children were pressed into service as interpreters.

Mrs. Ortiz indicated that there were about 40 professions of faith as a result of the basketball games. Indications were that the total attendance at the games amounted to about 7,000.

She marvelled that the gymnasium where the games were played in Asuncion was made available at no cost by the basketball club that the team played. It is a semi-professional team and owns the gym. When the Mississippi team arrived in Asuncion on Saturday evening, The Paraguayan team provided a barbecue for them.

The Mississippi team members were in 20 churches on Sunday. Those who made the trip were Brian Ladner, Mike Sibley, Ronnie Flavey, Sam Lee, Mike Funderburk, Brian White, Scott Carlin, Johnny Pope, Rusty Garvin, and Keith Cating (who was the coach). Cating is Baptist Student Union director at the University of Mississippi.

In addition to the basketball team members, the trip was made by Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson. He preached in a revival meeting at First Baptist Church, Asuncion. The revival began on Sunday morning and went through Friday night. Mrs. Ortiz said there were eight professions of faith. This was an exceptional response, she said.

While he was in Asuncion, Causey visited the Baptist Institute, the Baptist hospital, and the Christian academy.

Women in ministry plan meeting in Pittsburgh

By Tim Fields
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—A diverse group of 34 Southern Baptist women has named a task force to plan a pre-Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Pittsburgh for women involved in ministry roles.

The group, which met in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's annual seminar in Louisville, also enlisted the help of the commission to sponsor and promote the meeting.

According to coordinators of the Louisville meeting, the nine-member all-female task force will set the agenda for the pre-convention meeting to provide a forum for discussion which will possibly lead to the formation of a steering committee on women in ministry.

Other expected agenda items include the sharing of ideas on ways to improve the role and status of women in ministry, the possible formation of an ongoing professional association or network and ways to encourage SBC agencies to give additional support to women in ministry.

Members of the task force include Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union; Lela Hendricks, special project coordinator for the Christian Life Commission and the Home Mission Board; Nancy Hastings Sehested, associate minister of Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., and Ann Neil, retired missionary and visiting professor of missions at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Other members are: Jenny Weisz, an attorney from Chapel Hill, N.C.; Ann Davis, associate professor of social work at Southern Seminary in Louisville; Sarah Frances Anders, professor of sociology at Louisiana College; Evelyn Stagg, freelance writer from Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Reba Cobb, minister to younger youth at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville.

The task force is expected to announce plans for the pre-convention meeting in a few weeks.

(Fields writes for the Christian Life Commission.)

Prayer bill reintroduced

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Reagan's proposed constitutional amendment on prayer in public schools has been reintroduced in the 98th Congress.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and a Southern Baptist, introduced the measure, promising early action by his panel. Although the proposal was the subject of three days of hearings last year, the Judiciary Committee took no action on it and the measure died.

Last May, when the president first indicated he would push the measure, the White House issued a similar document explaining that under the proposal state governments and local school boards would be empowered to write the prayers to be recited.

That statement read in part: "Since

the voluntary school prayer amendment will eliminate any federal constitutional obstacle to voluntary school prayer, states and communities would be free to select prayers of their own choosing. They could choose prayers that have already been written, or they could compose their own prayers. If groups of people are to be permitted to pray, someone must have the power to determine the content of such prayers."

Last June, during its annual session in New Orleans, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution supporting the prayer amendment. The resolution declared in part that the proposed amendment "does not constitute a call for government-written or government-mandated prayer." The issue is expected to be debated again when the convention meets June 14-16 in Pittsburgh.

Tithing and the teacher

Paul admonished young Timothy to "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. . . . Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you" (1 Tim. 4:12-16).

Young Timothy was to teach and exhort with his own life as a living example of his teaching in support of his message. Jesus said, "his disciples. . . I have given you an example. . . ." (John 13:15). One cannot effectively teach what he does not practice.

In a two-year survey of tithers, people were asked what influenced them most to become a practicing tither. Their number two response was Bible study.

No greater opportunity is given a lay person in the church than the oppor-

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tunity to teach. In the Great Commission, Jesus commanded his followers to "make disciples" of all the nations.

When teachers live godly lives, then their teaching becomes a powerful force in the lives of their pupils.

Very few truths from the Bible can be taught to pupils that can start them on the road to happiness and genuine success in life more than the recognition of God's ownership and man's stewardship. If they recognize God in their finances, it can help save them from the deceitfulness of riches, the gravest danger facing church members today.

Most Christians who get into trouble with God get off base at this point first! To give a person a sense of what is really worth giving one's life for is tremendously important when it is carefully learned at an early age.

Help spare your pupils the perils of riches by teaching them to put God first in their finances, beginning with at least a tithe.

(This series is prepared by the Mississippi Baptist Stewardship office.)



... with Baker James Cauthen as president of the Foreign Mission Board

Doug Hudgins succumbs

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during the year of 1965 to 1966. He was first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Houston, Texas, in 1958.

As president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at the time, Hudgins was a member of the committee to study the Baptist Statement of Faith and Message from 1960 to 1963. He served as vice-chairman of the committee that was chaired by Herschell Hobbs of Oklahoma City.

He was a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1967 until 1975 and served as its chairman during the year of 1974-1975.

He served as a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist

General Convention of Texas and was a member of the boards of trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Houston Memorial Hospital, Southwestern Seminary, and the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission.

Mrs. Hudgins died Sept. 15, 1981, following a lengthy illness brought on by a stroke. The Hudgins had three sons. They are R. Douglas of Jackson, W. Robert of Dallas, and James J. of Jackson. There are 10 grandchildren.

In 1977 Hudgins served as an emissary of the Foreign Mission Board as he represented Southern Baptists at the 30th anniversary observation of the Japan Baptist Convention.

NOBTS elects Starkes to Quarles position

NEW ORLEANS—A \$5.734 million budget was adopted and an 18 percent base salary increase for all New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary faculty members was approved by the seminary's board of trustees during their annual meeting March 15-16.

The faculty salary increase coincided with the board's approval of a dual track program allowing students to complete a seminary degree program by taking courses at night. Faculty members are therefore compensated for the extra teaching load.

Cliff Amos was elected vice president for development for the seminary and Jo Morton Bevington was elected as assistant professor of childhood education. Amos has served as director of development for the past two years. Bevington will join the faculty in July after three years at Biola University in Los Angeles where she is assistant professor of education.

M. Thomas Starkes was elevated to the rank of professor of Christian Missions and was also designated Chester L. Quarles Professor of Christian Missions. C. Ferris Jordan was elevated from Associate Professor to Professor

of Adult Education. Quarles, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died July 6, 1968, in Peru while on a mission trip.

Professors in the School of Christian Training were granted rank on the Seminary faculty. SCT Director Jerry Breazeale was granted full professor status as professor of New Testament. Charles E. Graham was elected assistant professor of Old Testament. Robert Barnes was elected as associate professor of church history, and Luther M. Dorr was named as

associate professor of preaching. William M. Hamann, president of Berg Mechanical, Inc., Shreveport, La., was re-elected president of the board. Frank Gunn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss., was elected vice president. Fred J. Vogel, professor emeritus at the University of New Orleans, was elected secretary. Joyce Fox of Lafayette, La. was elected treasurer.

Ingram Foster, a businessman from Prentiss, Miss. and member of the SBC Executive Committee, was elected to the Seminary Foundation Board.

High court to review school's compliance

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court has announced it will review a lower court ruling that the Department of Education legally terminated federal financial assistance to students at a private Pennsylvania college which refused to sign forms showing compliance with federal laws against sex discrimination.

Grove City College, a private liberal arts school affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church, asked the high court to decide whether the Department of Education may classify the school as a recipient of federal financial assistance solely because its students receive federally-backed loans

and grants and whether its students' financial assistance may be terminated because of refusal by the college to sign forms demonstrating compliance with a federal anti-sex discrimination statute.

The college refused a 1976 request by the then Department of Health, Education and Welfare to sign forms demonstrating its compliance with non-discrimination provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, stating it had consistently refused to accept government assistance nor did it operate programs which received government assistance.

In response, HEW charged because Grove City students received Basic Educational Opportunity Grants and Guaranteed Student Loans backed by the federal government, the college itself was a "recipient" of federal financial assistance and therefore must fill out the government's "Assurance of Compliance" form.

Despite finding no evidence of actual sex discrimination by the college, an HEW Administrative Law Judge found Grove City not in compliance with Title IX solely because of its refusal to sign compliance forms and declared its students ineligible for federal financial assistance.

On appeal, a federal district court held that the students' assistance could not be terminated because the college refused to sign Title IX compliance forms but agreed with the Department of Education that the grants and loans to the students constituted federal financial assistance to the college.

Both sides appealed to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals which held the college subject to Title IX requirements as a recipient of federal financial assistance and upheld the legality of the Department of Education's termination of assistance to the students. (Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

Abortion amendment changed by panel

WASHINGTON (BP)—A Senate Judiciary panel has opted for a less restrictive constitutional amendment on abortion than the version proposed by its chairman Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah.

Backers say the one-sentence amendment would simply overturn the controversial 1973 Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade (that the constitution protects a woman's rights to privacy in making abortion decisions) by declaring the "right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution."

Scuttled in the move were provisions in the Hatch bill which would have allowed state legislatures and Congress to restrict abortion, providing the most restrictive of competing state and federal laws would apply.

Groups favoring a legislated or constitutional ban on abortion will likely be concerned that the amendment would allow states to pass permissive as well as restrictive abortion laws.

Allegations blunted

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—The Food and Drug Administration has reaffirmed the "quality and reliability" of pacemakers donated to MAP International, a Christian humanitarian agency, by the American Hospital Supply Corporation, Edwards Pacemakers Division.

The FDA opened the investigation in response to allegations in the Cleveland Plain Dealer made about donated pacemakers provided for charity overseas. The investigation concluded that "no known defective Edwards' pacemakers were donated and shipped to China."

Information contained in the FDA's investigation was made available before publication to reporters who wrote the article, according to MAP officials, as were reports by doctors and patients who implanted or received the pacemakers. No doctor or patient related any trouble.

HMB directors vote UN offices for Golonka

By Patti Stephenson
ATLANTA (BP)—In their annual spring meeting, the board of directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board heard SBC leaders describe what must be done if Southern Baptists hope to meet Bold Mission Thrust goals by 2000 A.D. The directors responded by approving a 17-year strategy plan for the agency.

HMB President William G. Tanner told directors the agency must create new missionary positions, accelerate church planting and "emphasize the essentiality of the local church" in order to add 16,000 churches to SBC ranks and share the gospel with every American by the end of the century.

In reporting 1,703 churches have committed to start new churches on May 22, the day designated as Pentecost Sunday, Tanner expressed confidence that a total of 3,000 churches would participate in the national effort to begin 3,000 new works. If Southern Baptists meet that goal, Tanner added, "it could be the largest church planting effort in the history of Christendom."

The directors approved A. D. 2000, a long-range plan focusing on increasing the professional and volunteer mission force, undergirding mission efforts of state conventions, associations and local churches, reaching America's cities, and training ethnic leaders. (See separate story.)

The officers for 1983-84 were also elected. Jerry Gilmore, a Dallas, Texas, attorney, was chosen chairman; Omar H. Pachecano, associate director of missions for El Paso (Texas) Baptist Association, first vice-chairman; Frank B. Lowndes, Jr., president of Frank B. Lowndes and Son Funeral Home in Atlanta, Ga., second vice-chairman; Helen S. Landers of Riverdale, Ga., secretary and Edna Shows, director of the DeKalb Historical Society in Atlanta, assistant secretary.

The board members increased Southern Baptist outreach to international diplomats by voting to provide offices for Southern Baptist Ministries to the United Nations community, director by HMB missionary Elias Golonka.

The board also approved a new position for assistant director of the church extension division to supervise US-2ers, seminary students, and church planter apprentices involved in starting new works.

Robert W. Campbell, director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of New England, was elected associate director of the specialized evangelism department, effective April 1. Campbell will promote the department's "Growing an Evangelistic Church" seminars and direct the HMB's correspondence Bible course.

In addition, the board appointed six missionaries and six missionary as-

sociates, and approved pastoral assistance for 60 persons. Missionary associates included David and Sherry Lee of Gautier, Miss.

The Lees will start their language missions work in Mississippi. He is a graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He presently is pastor of the Crowder Baptist Church in Mississippi. She is a graduate of William Carey College and teaches school at Delta Academy in Marks, Miss.

Walker Knight, director of editorial services department since 1959, was commended for his example of "Christian love, sensitivity and courage as he has given attention to individuals with the most basic needs, respected the dignity of people, and championed the cause of those oppressed."

James Nelson was honored for his "significant contribution to home missions" as a missionary to the Navajo reservation in New Mexico 1964-1971; as director of the division of missions ministries for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico 1971-1975; as director of the HMB rural-urban missions department, 1975-1979, and as director of the HMB's associational missions division, 1975-1982.

(Patti Stephenson is HMB assistant news director.)

ATLANTA (BP)—Updating a document drafted in 1978, directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted new objectives and outlined seven strategies for achieving them by the year 2000.

Called "Target A.D. 2000," the 17-page document, plus 16 pages of statistical documentation, was developed after a 10-month intensive study by the HMB's planning section and other staff.

Leonard G. Irwin, vice president for planning, said the document was revised in the light of data from the 1980 census plus subjective input from HMB staff and mission experts giving "intuitive forecasts" on sociological changes affecting missions work.

The seven strategies include:

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FMB named in \$5 million suit

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board now has been named the defendant in a \$5 million damage suit filed by a former volunteer who served in West Germany.

An amended complaint was filed March 9, in United States District Court, Fort Worth, Texas, about a month after the original damage suit named the Southern Baptist Convention as defendant.

Nasser Lotfi of Austin, Texas, identified by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a former colonel in the Iranian Air Force and a naturalized U.S. citizen, claims he was beaten by Turkish immigrants on March 27, 1982, while serving in Augsburg, West Germany.

The suit says the beating resulted in permanent injuries to Lotfi's back and spine and a "traumatic neurosis."

Lotfi and his wife went to West Germany in January of 1982 for a two-year volunteer term. They were assigned to minister to Turkish immigrants in the Augsburg area, working alongside Southern Baptist career missionaries and in cooperation with the German Baptist Union.

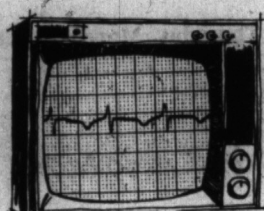
The suit claims the Foreign Mission Board "did not disclose" the work could be "hazardous to the plaintiff's personal safety."

Mission board officials said Lotfi was selected because of his apparent Christian commitment, his Middle East background, his language skills and his intense desire to go. Officials said consultations were held in July 1982 and a decision was made to end the agreement under which the Lotfis went overseas.

"The best way to hold a nail without mashing your fingers is to hold the hammer with both hands."

Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Apr. 4-5 Secretaries' Conference; Baptist Building, Jackson; 12:30 p.m., 4th-11:45 a.m., 5th (CAPM)
- Apr. 7 New Staff Orientation; Baptist Building, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Apr. 8 Young Musicians' Adjudication; Daniel Memorial BC, Jackson; 7-9:30 p.m. (CM)
- Apr. 9 State Young Musicians' Festival; Mississippi College, Clinton; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (CM)



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Use of the telephone in the home

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If one can afford it or the need justifies it, a separate line for the children may be the solution. The family may agree on limiting personal phone calls of a social nature. It probably will be necessary still for a parental reminder that time is up. Phone calls should not be taken or made at meal time. The phone may be answered by saying that the call will be returned when the meal is finished.

For students, certain times would be reserved for study with no phone calls taken or made. Curfew limitations may be considered, such as no calls after 10 p.m. or whatever time seems reasonable for your family.

Priorities should be established as to when one family member should re-

linquish the phone to another. The call-waiting signal on the touch-tone telephone system cuts down frustrations for both family members and friends.

While we appreciate the convenience, time, and money saved by the phone, we American people may have too strong a compulsion to be available every time it rings. No one really has the right to barge in on another's time without permission. One point of telephone manners in family training: suggest that when the telephone is answered, identify yourself and then ask, "Is it convenient for you to talk just now?" or "Can you spare me a few minutes?" To all of these ideas, exceptions may be made for emergencies or long distance.

While some families hassle over the phone, other parents relate that they feel relieved when children are on the phone. Then they can have some time to themselves without interruption.

"Honor Christ by yielding to one another in love" Eph. 5:21, (writer's translation) could well be a biblical relationship to follow in the use of the telephone in the Christian family.

Address inquiries to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Inquiries are welcomed.

HMB adopts objectives, strategies to year 2000

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP)—Updating a document drafted in 1978, directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted new objectives and outlined seven strategies for achieving them by the year 2000.

Called "Target A.D. 2000," the 17-page document, plus 16 pages of statistical documentation, was developed after a 10-month intensive study by the HMB's planning section and other staff.

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church missions committee.

6. Lead in the development of an effective, comprehensive and cohesive approach to the great cities in America.

7. Lead in the enlistment and development of leadership from the people served, recognizing them as full participants.

The 1983 statement includes two new objectives not included in 1978.

While the first two objectives of the HMB to "evangelize" and "congregationalize" (start new churches) remain basically the same, a third major objective, "minister to the needs of persons" was added.

"Ministering" also was added to the previous objective "to move into new frontiers where the need for evangelizing, congregationalizing, and ministering is most crucial."

A second objective is "to lead Southern Baptists to a greater awareness of missions and evangelism needs and opportunities."

The purpose of the Home Mission Board remained unchanged: serving as a channel through which the SBC expresses missions and evangelism concerns in the U.S. and assigned territories by developing a comprehensive strategy to enable churches, associations and state conventions to move into new frontiers in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to make disci-

Congregational worship meets to discuss enriching

Two Congregational Worship Conferences, one for north and one for south Mississippi, are set for mid-May.

Purpose of the meetings will be to provide training through workshop experiences to enable pastors, music directors, and others in planning and conducting congregational worship.

The conferences will be May 16 at 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and May 17 at Emmanuel Church, Grenada. Each will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn that afternoon at 4.

James Barry, consultant in the Church Administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be guest speaker at both conferences.

Barry will speak on "Planning for Dynamic Worship," "Enriching Worship through Baptism and the Lord's Supper," and "Making Worship Meaningful."

Dan Hall, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Music department, will coordinate a demonstration worship service and discuss "Techniques for Improving Congregational Singing."

Leon Emery, director of the MBCB's Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department, will lead in workgroup planning with Hall and in

an evaluation time. Emery's and Hall's departments are sponsoring the meetings for which there is no registration fee. However, those planning to attend should contact Emery at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.

Central Hills camping season announced

The 1983 camping season at Central Hills Baptist Retreat for Royal Ambassador boys begins June 6 and concludes August 12. Within those dates will be 10 resident camps for boys in grades 4-12, and three Lad-Dad weekends for boys in grades 1-3 along with their fathers.

Total cost of the resident camps will be \$50; for Dad-Lad weekend camps, \$12.50. Registration fees are \$15 per person for resident camp and \$5 per person for the weekend camps. To register or for details write Brotherhood department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.

Dates of the resident camps will be June 6-10, June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 4-8, July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29, August 1-5, and August 8-12. Dates of the Dad-Lad camps will be June 24-25, July 8-9, and July 22-23.

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Crusader Days will have Yo Yo the clown

The two Crusader Days planned at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko will each have missionaries, athletic games, a 75th birthday celebration for the Crusader program, a missions speaker, and Yo Yo the clown.

These two Crusader Days will be Saturday, April 16 and April 23. The first date is for boys from north Mississippi, the second for boys from the southern end of the state. Each day's events begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 2 that afternoon.

The program is designed for boys in grades 1-6 for fellowship and mission education.

Cost of the program will be \$5 per person which should accompany registrations to be sent to the Brotherhood department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. The Brotherhood department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board sponsors the events. Missionaries on hand at the April 16

Crusader Day will be Robert Holifield, missionary to Italy, and Ovis Fairley, missionary in Mississippi to Parchman staff. Missionaries at the April 23 Crusader Day will be Karl and Peggy Wallace, missionaries to Peru, and James Foster, missionary to Surinam.

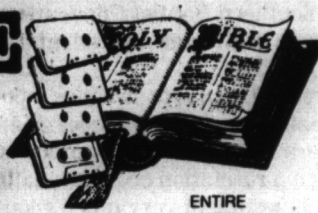
Jimmy Porter, pastor of First Church, Louisville, will be missions speaker at the April 16 session. Levon Moore, director of missions for Atlanta Baptist Association, will be missions speaker for the April 23 session.

Yo Yo the Clown, appearing at both sessions is George Marler of Brandon.

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Editorials

"He is not here . . ."

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." This announcement signaled the beginning of a new age and the victory over death. Just three days earlier Jesus, the Christ, had willingly given his life as the sin sacrifice for all who would listen and believe. Now he was alive; and because he was alive, all of those through all the ages who believed would live forever.

The message of that first Easter, as we choose to call it now, was recorded by the gospel writers in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It was not delivered

by any mortal human being but by an angel who was found at the empty tomb that Sunday morning. What tremendous drama the Lord set up for that time of greatest significance in the world's history. The Son of God had died to atone for the sins of all mankind. Now he was alive and victory over sin and death had been completed. He was gone, and in his place at the empty tomb stood an emissary direct from God himself to trumpet the triumphant message through all the ages.

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?" he asked, as recorded by Luke. No wonder those few people went out and turned the world upside down.

We don't have the wonder and the drama of that moment by living it in the first person to spur us on. We do have the record, however. We know it happened just as if we had been there. And we know what happens within our own hearts when we yield ourselves completely to this savior who lay dead in a tomb for three days for our sins and then got up and walked out to

herald the fact that sin's grip had been broken.

Sin could not hold him, and he was alive to prove it.

Sin cannot hold us in its deathly grip if we choose the way of life as offered by Jesus and guaranteed on that Sunday morning.

We, too, can turn the world upside down if we can ever come to grips with the total impact of that day and be motivated by the same God who sent the angel down to say, "He is not here; for he is risen. . ."

The Sydnor resolution

Norris Sydnor, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Oxon Hill, Md., has declared that he will submit to this year's Southern Baptist Convention a resolution that was tabled at last year's meeting.

The resolution has to do with support for Israel in a political concept. Many observers at last year's convention felt that such a resolution could not do the Israeli government very much good if any but that it could damage Southern Baptists' relationships with Arab countries considerably.

Therefore, Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and even the author of the resolution, pled with the convention not to take action on the resolution.

Sydnor was chairman of last year's resolutions committee. This resolution was presented to the convention; and, at the suggestion of Parks, the convention sent it back to the committee. The committee brought it back to the convention, however, and Parks made an impassioned speech for tabling. By

this time the author had become convinced of the danger involved and joined Parks in his plea. This time the messengers themselves voted to table the resolution.

Now last year's chairman plans to present it again. This seems somewhat presumptuous. The action to table the resolution last year indicates that messengers recognize the problem. It is true that each convention is a new one, and such a presentation would be perfectly in order. But why would any-

one, especially last year's chairman, foist upon the convention a matter that had been turned aside a year ago?

Parks is well aware wherein he speaks. He heads our foreign mission agency. He has been a missionary. The convention does not have to listen to him, but it would be well served to do so.

This is a resolution that we didn't need last year. And we still don't need it this year. Let's hope it is never presented.

Add Hudgins to the list

We Southern Baptists lost one of our giants when Doug Hudgins died last week. I began to hear of him from my pre-teen years as he became pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. In those years my father was pastor of small churches in West Texas, and I remember hearing him talk of those who were pastor of the prestigious churches in the state.

So the name was a familiar one for many years before I actually saw him in person for the first time. That instance I remember as being the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in 1958. He was first vice-president and presided over several sessions. That was the first time I had ever attended a session of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention; and as I reflected on that occasion in later years, I remembered feeling that I had watched a true statesman at work in the efforts of Doug Hudgins.

From that point on he became sort of a hero to me. As I became a big fan of his, though he never knew it. As I began to attend other Southern Baptist Convention sessions—still a Texan and still not personally acquainted with him—I began to see him in other roles, particularly as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee. I continued to be impressed.

I never met him personally until I came to Mississippi in 1974. Then I began to understand why I had ap-

preciated him so much. He was a genuinely fine person.

He was retired by the time I got here. But I got to hear him preach in chapel services at the Baptist Building and on occasion at First Baptist Church when I was a member there. I have since moved to a neighborhood church a half-mile from the house as compared with the 14 miles to First Church.

And I got to know him personally and to enjoy his warm personality.

An interesting aspect of the ripening friendship was the opportunity to buy a car from Mrs. Blanche. It is a 1976 Pontiac Grand Prix, and a pretty nice one. I bought it in January of 1977 after she had owned it for six months. She had

put 800 miles on it in that time, mostly going back and forth to practice sessions with the Jackson symphony. But she played the cello, and the Grand Prix wasn't fitted to hauling such an instrument. She needed to sell it and buy one more usable. I got it cheap and still have it. There are now 99,000 miles on it, and it is still going strong. I think it is the finest car I have ever owned.

Both of the Hudginses are gone now, but I am thankful that they came into my life and blessed it as they did.

We talk about Truett and Scarborough and Carroll and Gambrell and Roland Leavell. We need to add Hudgins to the list.

Letters to the Editor

Go to the sinner

Editor:

Since it is so hard to get the sinner to church, why doesn't the church go to the sinner? Each week our newspapers list the names and addresses of those people arrested for various offenses. Why not send tracts to these people who are on the wrong path? Surely God will bless those whose efforts are tireless.

Perhaps some who are retired could administer the program from their homes, with the churches furnishing the tracts and stamped envelopes.

Gordon William Thomas
McComb

Home missions song

Editor:

"While working on our WMU program for home missions I wrote these words to sing to the tune of 'Amazing Grace.' I wanted to share them with you in case you wanted to put it in the poetry section.

1. God's challenge for our land is clear, that we must win the lost. We must proclaim His holy name and tell why His Son came.
2. Dear Lord, help us to see the need, help us to win the lost. Guide us to pray, to give, and go to those throughout our land.
3. We commit ourselves to service Lord; to give our all for thee. To daily strive to do your will, so all men can be free. Amen.

Mrs. Delane Andrews
Byhalia, MS

sportsmanship and Christian attitudes were apparent to everyone. We all appreciated their testimonies and Christian witnessing.

Jerry Joule
Janice Brake
Paraguay Baptist Mission

Defeat pornography bill

Editor:

Pornography, fishing, and hunting on Sunday must be defeated. My late Uncle Joe loved to fish and hunt during week days but never on Sundays, for he always expressed that was the day God rested and is suppose to be observed.

I feel you and staff at Baptist Record would be grateful that creation bill will be defeated because God created life for humans, animals, birds, fish, insects, and reptiles called "conception"; and if God intended humans to resemble monkeys, apes, baboons, and chimpanzees, then we the human race would have been created with features of these lower animals like Charles Darwin's theory called evolution. We do not know the mysteries of life and when it begins, for God is the creator of life as creator of this whole universe.

Proud Evangelist James Robison apologized, for God is judge for our sins. Homosexuality like pornography should be banned, because homosexuality is something gone wrong after conception that could have been given strict attention in the early stages of childhood.

Miss Opal J. Nail
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Thanks from Paraguay

Editor:

Thank you so much for sending the Mississippi Baptist Basketball team to Paraguay. They have made a fantastic contribution to the work here. Their

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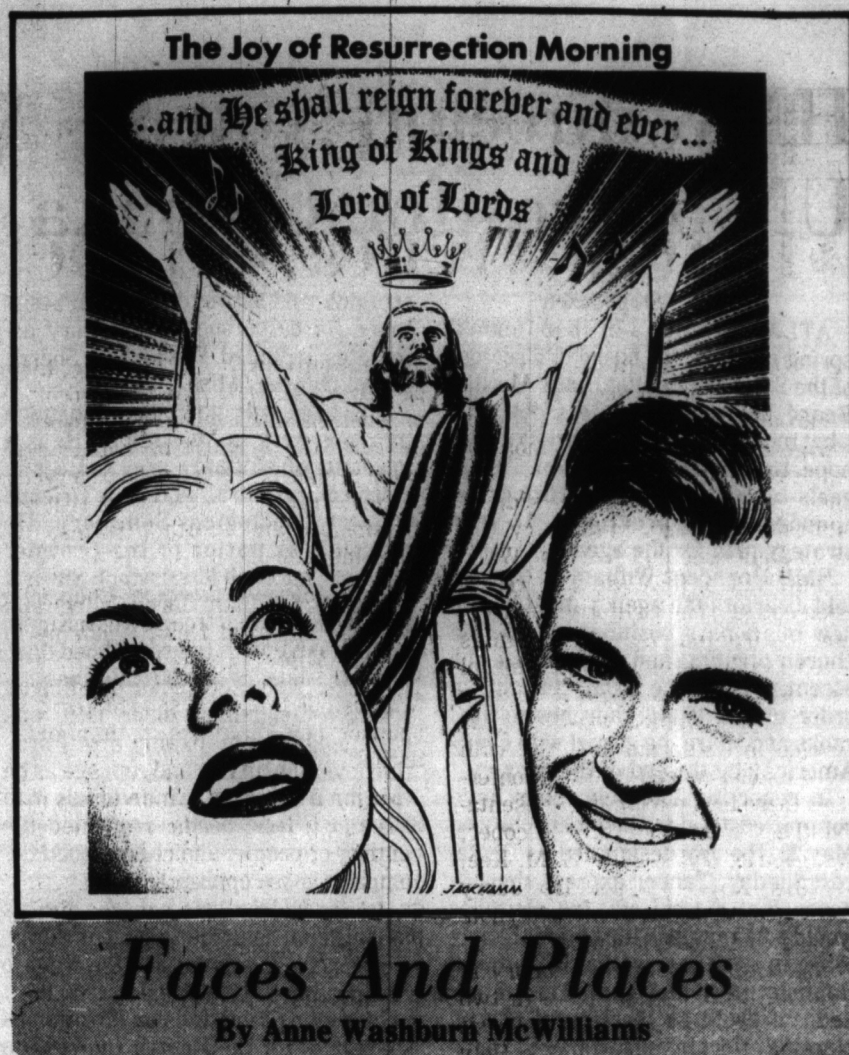
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Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

I remember Dr. Hudgins

Jackson is a lonely place this week. Without Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson to me feels empty. In my memories, Jackson and he are inseparable. On Capitol St., I've heard his cheery "hi." At the City Auditorium, I've seen him listening to the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and his wife playing the cello. At the reservoir, I've watched him step off his fishing boat onto the pier at sunset. One night I went to the emergency room at the Baptist Hospital to have a cut finger stitched up and saw him there answering the telephone. When I heard that one of his last acts was to buy a box of candy for nurses at the hospital where he'd had heart surgery, I thought, "That's typical."

I first met him one April Sunday evening, 30 years ago, when I came to Jackson for a job interview. A month later, I joined First Baptist Church and he became my pastor for a while. From the first handclasp, I knew he was my friend.

On Sept. 25, 1955, a Sunday afternoon, W. D. and I stood before the altar in the chapel of First Baptist Church, as Dr. Hudgins pronounced us man and wife. He said to us, "One of the greatest responsibilities and one of the greatest joys that will ever come to you is the building of your own home" and "The building of a Christian home is the greatest achievement of the human heart." In the years to come, as you look upon these sacred bands of gold, may you remember that you have pledged to each other your lives and your love."

When in 1960 he was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, I asked him: "What kind of year do you predict for Mississippi Baptists in 1961?" A slow, wide grin broke across his patrician profile. "I'm not a predictor—especially about what Baptists will do."

As Schuyler Batson said, "He was a flawless grammarian." He had a gift for words and was not afraid to use big ones. Cal Turner, a newspaper columnist, called him "Mister Baptist" and described his voice as one that "hugs each word, then drops it," and his gestures—"With the large hands of a carpenter or sculptor, he can literally carve his message out of thin air." I had a bit of fun myself with words when I wrote once, "Though many honors have come to him he does not parade his virtues, is not puffed up, is not Pharisaical. He is one of the folks, a friend of the people." It always amazed me that a man so sophisticated was also a man who could communicate with and love people on every level. When I heard one of his three sons say that not only Baptists, but Jews and Catholics and many of other denominations, called at the funeral home, I remember that he had friends among the old and the young, the rich and the poor. "Everyone loved him," Schuyler Batson said, "because he loved everyone."

At least one story about him has become legend. On that day in the 1950's when Baptists were hoping to buy the Gulfshore site at public auction, the organist on the back of an auctioneer's truck struck up "When the Saints Go

Marching In," and Dr. Hudgins said to Dr. Quarles, "Ches, you hear that? The Lord is going to let us have this property!"

I remember his enthusiastic proposal during one meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, that a new Baptist Building be constructed. His proposal was accepted, and he served as chairman of the building committee. The day we moved into the new building, I remember him (mindful of the fresh carpets) following the movers up and down the corridors with a vacuum cleaner.

I remember him during the years he was MBCB executive secretary, as a "boss"—kind-hearted and generous, ready to listen to any request. In chapel, he often spoke on the Psalms. And when he retired in 1973, he told me about the time at age 20 when he was ordained at First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Tenn. On the way to the examining council, he got caught in a rainstorm with no raincoat or umbrella and sat through the questioning looking "more like a wet airedale than a human being." His father, Tennessee Baptists' first Sunday School secretary, was among the questioners.

I remember visiting at his house one morning to have a talk with his wife, whom he called Mrs. Blanche. They first met, I understand, at a BYPU retreat at Carson-Newman College, when she was 16. Her big bag she had set on the ground beside her; a smaller one she held in her hand. So smitten was he that he took the small bag from her. Talking and gazing into her beautiful blue eyes, he left the big bag for someone else to carry inside.

"The boys never saw him preparing sermons at home. He never shoved them out of the way and told them to be quiet so he could think," she said. "One of them asked him when he got his sermons up and he said, 'All the time.'"

I remember sitting in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel in Portland, Ore., feeling a bit homesick, until I saw Dr. Hudgins come through the door and wave. J. D. Grey and Wayne Dehoney rushed up to him to greet him. I remember how proud I felt to belong to the same state he did, and I remember thinking, "He was SBC vice president one year and he helped to write the Baptist Faith and Message Statement. He should be made SBC president, for he would be one of the best."

When I saw him last, he was at the Christmas missions banquet at First Baptist Church, wearing a red vest with his dark suit. He came across the room to speak to me, and I recalled his excitement when he was Foreign Mission Board president at having the Board bring a missionary commissioning service to Jackson.

Last week, I was one of the 1,200 who went to his funeral. I was one of those who cried with his pastor, Earl Craig, when he voiced Dr. Hudgins' farewell words to him, "Love ya, beloved." And I was one of those who rejoiced as the 150-voice choir sang the Hallelujah Chorus, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and he shall reign forever and ever . . ." and thought of Easter.

Pilot spiritual renewal for pastors held in S.C.

By Celeste Pennington

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C. (BP)—"This is where the egg hits the pan," said Ira Craft to 63 South Carolina pastors and spouses. "How many of you can say you've heard the Christian witness of each of your deacons—and they have heard yours?"

Craft, a layman, looked out over the gathering, a "pilot" spiritual renewal retreat for pastors. No one raised a hand.

Spiritual renewal in the SBC—for a decade geared toward laypersons—is moving to the pulpit. The aim is to familiarize the pastor with renewal experienced by church members; to better prepare the pastor as an equipper for these newly-motivated saints and to offer a renewal "journey" tailor-made for the clergy.

"Pastors kept asking us, 'Where is our place in lay renewal?'" explained Reid Hardin, director of the Home Mission Board evangelism support department, which guides lay renewal programs. "We learned pastors and their wives have the same need for spiritual renewal as the laity."

The S.C. retreat—the first projected for five states in

1983—was patterned after lay renewal meetings held in about 3,000 churches in the past 10 years. Other states with plans are Colorado, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, South Jersey, and Virginia. California will have a pastor renewal retreat.

Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr., director of Touch ministries, a Houston-based effort to train churches how to equip laity, spoke pastor-to-pastor.

"Why do pastors run so hard for office in the SBC?" he asked. Why are pastors so dependent on the size of the church, the number of baptisms, the expansion of the Sunday School for a sense of worth, he continued. "How many of the laity today get their significance from their control of the budget or a piece of the program?" Laity often take their cues from the pastor, he insisted. "We have some values very unlike the one we serve."

Recounting his past efforts, Neighbour, a former church planter and later pastor in Houston, Texas, said he worked hard to find all the "you-all" people. Then one day he faced the fact that his church was committed not to Christ, but to tradition, Neighbour admitted.

For six months, the Houston church closed its doors to

new members. After painful soul-searching, the members decided to seek the down-and-outs, the "hidden people" of the city.

A former heroin dealer became a Christian; he brought with him addicts and street people.

In a ramshackle building, the church opened a halfway house for heroin addicts. And in the midst of vomiting, shaking and agony were Sunday School teachers and deacons. "Every member of our church had their shift," said Neighbour. "All of us learned how spiritually bankrupt we were." Church members began seeking and using their individual ministry gifts, Neighbour reported. "I had to learn to do what seminary didn't teach me: equip the laity."

Although it's not easy, Neighbour said the pastor must "rattle the cage of the sit and soakers." Lay renewal offers a conducive environment: "Nothing will shake (inactive) members more than a group of turned-on laypersons: when a layman tells another layman what God is doing in his life, he says what no pastor can."

Often, Neighbour believes, the pastor's attitude toward his members is, "If you can't teach, if you can't sing in the

choir, then maybe you can collect records—or be a deacon."

Neighbour warned that as the laity in a church mobilize, tensions and problems will arise. But, "You will have problems of life rather than problems of death. A church that doesn't equip its members is a dead-end street."

Bill Mackey, director of evangelism for South Carolina, said, "It is important for us to help our (church) people be more effective in their sharing . . . in their serving Christ."

Mackey will help prepare the South Carolina pastors and their spouses for a three-year renewal journey through "sharing groups" organized by geographic areas. Their meetings and study will revolve around the three-year ministry of Christ, he said.

Mackey expressed appreciation for the openness of pastors at the retreat.

"Unmasking is always painful," observed Harold Thompson, pastor of Gowsenville Baptist Church in Landrum. "But, the conference was exactly what I needed. I'd come to a real dry moment. I needed this personal renewal."

(Pennington is HMB book editor.)

Fling tells Baptist Women witness needs to be verbal

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 You?" Later Sarah told Mrs. Fling, "I can still feel the thrill that went through me. I knew in that moment that Jesus is alive."

Mrs. Robert Staver, president, California Woman's Missionary Union, brought greetings from the WMU of California, at the close of a presentation called "The California Connection," directed by Mrs. James Fancher. (California and Mississippi are partner states in Bold Mission Thrust.) Five women who last year traveled to California in a van with Mrs. Fancher to lead in WMU conferences there took part in this presentation. They were Mrs. Vince Scooper, Mrs. Charles Tyler, Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., Mrs. Roy Ivy, and Mrs. Jerry Brunt. Also Mrs. Staver was a keynote speaker on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Huron Polnac, missionary in Utah and Idaho, who spoke in two Tuesday sessions, said, "When I visit the south, I call it going to the Holy Land."

She said that the scenery in Idaho is beautiful, but that she wanted to talk about the people. "More Mormons live in Utah than there are people in Idaho," she added, and many who don't go to any church. She called Mormonism a pagan cult: "If you live a good enough life, you will have a room in heaven some day and can become a god. They believe 'As man is, God once was; as God is, man shall be.'" Also she said a problem of working in an area among many Mormons is that their work is very visible, with nice places of worship, already paid for by the time they are finished. "Baptists in Idaho usually begin meeting in home fellowships, in groups so small it takes a long time to be able to afford a church building. The Mormons can tell their members, 'You do this and you do that,' and so they pay for the churches when told. But Baptists just don't do that."

She continued, "Wherever the people are—China, Idaho, California, or wherever—is a place open to witnessing. If you can't be concerned about people in your town, how can you be concerned for people in the rest of Mississippi and in other states, in other lands?"

John McBride, director, Cooperative Missions department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, echoed this when he said, "We need churches in Mississippi that will sponsor or co-sponsor new churches in their own areas."

Major McDaniel, missionary to Korea, who led the music for the convention, presented a mini-concert. Accompanists were Mrs. Dot Pray, organist, and Mrs. James Richardson, pianist.

"In 1980," said Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi WMU, "1,170 of the over 1900 Baptist churches in the state had WMU organizations. In 1983, there are 1,491 which have WMU organizations, or a

7.5% increase." STARTEAM members, women who led in getting these new organizations started, were recognized.

A panel of directors of missions talked about Mississippi associations at work. Mrs. Kimble Sutherland of Jackson, gave details concerning her service as a director of the Home Mission Board.

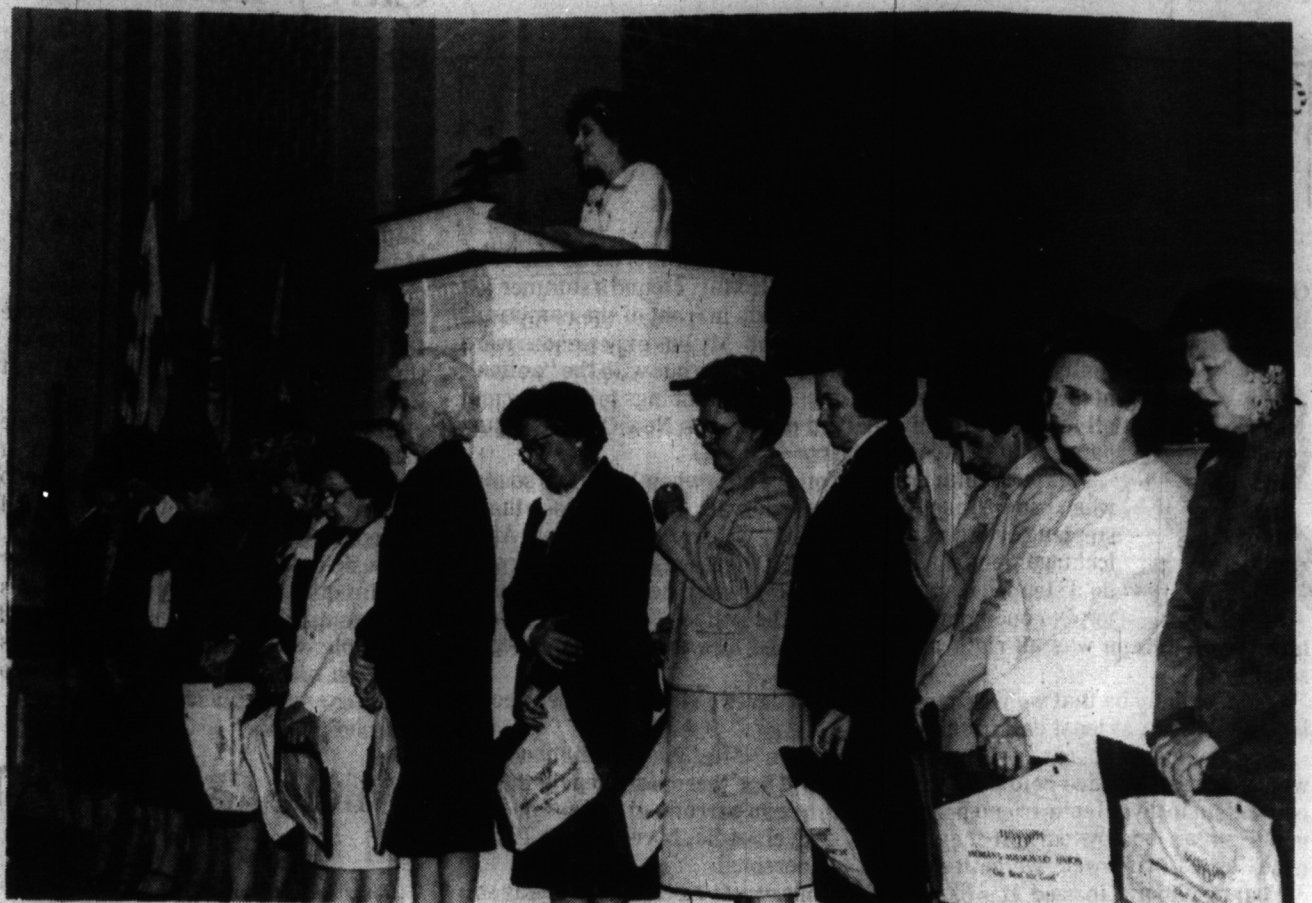
Mrs. Marvin Bond, Starkville author, gave selections from her missionary biography of Blanche Groves of China. The Indomitable Woman.

The convention re-elected Mrs. Robert Dent, Holly Springs, as president of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Charles Tyler, Collins, as vice-president; Mrs. A. W. Burt of Philadelphia as recording secretary; and elected Mrs. Jerry Brunt of Corinth as associate recording secretary.

Mrs. Marty Barfield, WMU director, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, served as general chairman of convention arrangements.



Baptist Women of First Church, Vicksburg, dressed in costumes of various nations to serve lunch to the parents of missionaries. Left to right are Beverly Maynard, Helen Arnold, Suzanne Yelverton, Patricia Hasselman, and Ginger White.

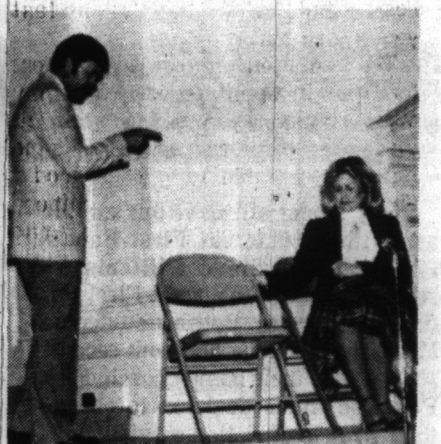


In the commissioning service for 20 women on their way to the Rio de la Plata for volunteer mission assignments, Mrs. Dennis Whitmire presented special music during the prayer

period. Mrs. Whitmire is wife of the pastor at Wayside Baptist Church, Vicksburg.



Vicksburg women, in the long dresses of Old South, welcomed visitors to the WMU convention at First Baptist Church, Vicksburg. Left to right are Nell McAlum, Connie Tanner, and Emily Duke. They are greeting Lynell Lane, WMU director and church secretary at New Hebron Baptist Church.



"Repent!" says Graham Smith to Gail Callicutt. The two are members of the cast of Lighthouse Players, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. The Players interpreted the WMU convention theme through dramatic skits. This scene, part of a modern day version of the Good Samaritan, comments on "Accountable... to Witness," and is not the proper way to witness!

Just for the Record

Midway Church, Jackson, will present its adult cantata, "The Day He Wore My Crown," on Sunday evening, Apr. 3, at 7 p.m. It will be directed by Herman Milner, Jr., minister of music and education.

The Collegiate Choral of Pensacola, Florida, will appear in concert at First Church, Crystal Springs, Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. The 35-voice chorale is comprised of students from the University of West Florida and Pensacola Junior College.

New Salem Baptist Church, Columbus, received \$9,311.42 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The resident membership is 290. Thomas J. Ansley is pastor.

Daybreak, a contemporary gospel group from Memphis, performed at First Baptist Church, Southaven, recently for 350 people. Daybreak has been performing for three years starting with four brothers: Doug, Mike, Bill, and Chuck Simmers. Last year Billy Littlejohn joined the group and three months ago, Andy Anderson contributed his talents to Daybreak.

Hughes Chapel Baptist Church, Lee County, used its new baptistry for the first time on Feb. 27, when 16 were baptized following a revival with Otis Bass as guest evangelist. The church has remodeled its sanctuary and Sunday School rooms and is now averaging 60 in Sunday School attendance.



Calvary Baptist Church, Winston County, has begun a deacon training ministry. The three prospective deacons with their pastor are (left to

right) Ken Cooper, pastor, Howard Ryals, Guy Young, and Charles Covington.

Revival Dates

Antioch (Neshoba): April 4-8; evangelist, James Busby; Doug Hutchins, song leader; Danny Lanier, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

Parkway Church (Scott): April 10-13; Curtis Roland, evangelist; Ray Ingram, music leader; services 7 p.m.; Glen Hayman, pastor.

Benton Baptist Church, Benton: Apr. 8-10; Matt Buckles, preaching; Sharlene Bufkin, Yazoo City, and Wyndy South, Jackson, featured singers; Lee Rodgers, pastor; Larry Lee, leading congregational singing; part of an area simultaneous revival effort.

East Philadelphia: April 3-8; evangelist, Howard H. Aultman; music director, J. Wayne Baggett; organist, Shirley McKee; pianist, Tommie Hardy; flutist, Kathy Hamilton; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Ira Pollard, music - youth director; Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

Rocky Point (Leake): Apr. 10-15; Hugh Poole, pastor, First, Macon, evangelist; J. B. Betts, Memphis, Tenn., music evangelist; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; J. B. Betts and daughter, Mary, to present a concert of sacred and gospel music on Friday night, Apr. 15; David Wilkinson, pastor.

Causeyville, near Meridian: April 3-8; lunch served at noon Sunday, with services at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Andre W. Dobson, pastor of Blackwater Church, visiting minister; music under direction of Larry Ethridge, with special music nightly; J. R. Davis, pastor.

First, Petal (Forrest): homecoming day, April 10; services for revival begin the same day and go through the following Friday evening, April 15; Sonny Adkins, evangelist; Boyd Tweedy, Petal, to lead the sing; W. A. Fordham, pastor.

Crestview, Petal: March 27-April 1; at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; John Merck, full-time evangelist, Lucedale, preaching; W. C. Rainey, Jr., minister of music at Crestview, leading the music; Raymond Parkin, pastor.

Trinity, Vicksburg: April 10-15; James Fancher, pastor at First, Coffeeville, evangelist; Bob Ingalls, First Church, Denham Springs, La., singer; Howard D. Smith, pastor; Sunday at 10:40 a.m. and 7:10 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m.

Hebron Church (Jones): youth led revival; April 8, 9, 10; services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 10, regular services; Daniel Hawthorne, Soso, evangelist; music directed by Tim and Melanie Hubbard, Vidalia, La.; Wade Rogers, pastor.

West Heights takes note of anniversary

On March 6, West Heights Baptist Church, Pontotoc, celebrated the 36th anniversary of the church's history. The church was organized March 9, 1947, as a mission of First Baptist Church, Pontotoc.

The day's activities consisted of three worship services, a fellowship lunch, and presentation of a souvenir booklet on the church history.

A. J. Northcutt, pastor of the church from 1951 to 1957, spoke at the 10 o'clock service on "Understanding What Faith Is," using Hebrews 11. Charles Gentry, pastor of the church from 1958 to 1964, spoke at 11 on "The Kind of People that Keep A Church Going," using his text Matthew 16. Bob Patterson, pastor of the church from 1949 to 1951, spoke at 2 o'clock on "Jesus Only," using Matthew 17.

Special music was provided by Mrs. Dorothy Seale, Diane Hampton, Steve Russell, James Francis, minister of music at West Heights, Ray Kirk, former minister of music, Mrs. Ray Kirk, and the church choir supported by the brass ensemble of the Pontotoc High School Band.

Special recognition was given to charter members, to the three oldest members present Mrs. Maude Peden (84), Mrs. Lottie Todd (85), and Organ Turner (88)—and to the mother church—First Baptist Church, Pontotoc.

Allen Hassell of Tupelo, another of the former music ministers, was present also.

Jack Gregory has been pastor of West Heights, since November, 1974.

Pope Church honors the "over-80's"

The hospitality committee and the women of Pope Baptist Church honored the 80-year-olds and above in a churchwide fellowship, following pastor G. E. Jolley's Sunday morning sermon, Mar. 20.

Ken and Karen Lewis, music director and his wife, presented corsages to the women honorees and boutonnières to the men. The congregation sang favorite hymns of the honor guests.

Ken Lewis sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross." The choir presented a special, "You Gave Love."

Honorees present were Mrs. Ethel Worsham, Mrs. Jessie Newman, Mrs. Eunice Shinn, Jim Pratt, Enoch Self, Mrs. E. P. Rigby, and Mrs. Maurice Pennington. Seventy-six were present for the fellowship.

Against a foe I can myself defend,—but heaven protect me from a blundering friend!—D'Arcy W. Thompson

The head is always the dupe of the heart.—La Rochefoucauld.

He who is impatient, waits twice.

Texas board approves partnership with Senegal

By Terry Barone

DALLAS (BP)—Texas Baptists' executive board has approved a partnership missions project with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to Senegal, on the west coast of Africa.

The project will begin late this year or early in 1984. Senegal has 8.75 million people, 85 percent of whom are Muslims. Only about 100 in the entire country claim to be evangelical Christians and most of those are not native Senegalese.

Ed Schmeltekopf, associate executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said the partnership missions project would involve a community center approach because "of the impossibility of getting Muslims to attend church services."

It could be a pilot project because of the possible cooperation with other missionary-sending groups such as Baptists in Brazil and Nigeria, Schmeltekopf said.

Southern Baptists now have four missionary couples in Senegal and soon will have five.

John Mills, area director of West Africa for the FMB, said Christians and Southern Baptists have almost written

off Islam because of the difficulty to reach Muslims and the need of a different method of working. "Inviting Muslims to attend Christian services is not enough," he said. "They simply will not respond."

"Through the community center approach it has been possible to get Senegalese to attend where it is totally impossible to get them into church services."

(Terry Barone writes for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.)

State giving level rises

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Cooperative Program gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention last month failed to surpass figures from a year ago for the first time since November 1980.

The national level unified giving program received \$8,858,267 during the month, a drop of .84 percent (75,344) from receipts in February 1982. It was only the third time in the past decade for the monthly figures to show a decline.

Major increases from Mississippi (\$412,845) and Florida (\$132,616) were

Dick Brogan's father dies

Tedford Brogan, 80, died March 12 in Laurel. He was the father of Dick Brogan, president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson. The funeral was held March 15 at the Memory Chapel Funeral Home, Laurel, with his pastor, Jerry Oswalt, officiating.

Brogan was a deacon at Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel. Survivors, in addition to his son, include his wife, Mrs. Tedford Brogan, of Laurel; one brother; one sister; and three grandchildren.

Warning. Never tell a bald man a hair-raising story.

20 SMYLERs are commissioned for mission service this summer

Twenty area high school and college students met at FBC, Coffeeville, March 12, in a training session for SMYLE.

SMYLE is Summer Missions: Youth in Local Evangelism, a program planned, and carried out by District 6 of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. This includes Calhoun, Chickasaw, Grenada, Montgomery, and Yalobusha counties.

The youth, called SMYLERs, were selected from applicants in the five counties. Summer activities (June 4-17) will include resort missions at

Grenada Lake, George Payne Cossar State Park, Davis Lake, and Sleepy Hollow Camp Ground. Backyard Bible Clubs, Big A Clubs, fellowships and religious surveys will also be a part of the work SMYLE.

The SMYLERs were commissioned at FBC, Calhoun City, March 27, at 2 o'clock. Conducting the service were Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and Marjean Patterson, executive-director, Mississippi WMU.

SMYLERs from Calhoun County are Tesa Dolan, Allen Boland, Donna

Warren, Shelly Little; from Chickasaw County, Angela Shempert, Susan Earnest, Danny Aldridge, Joy Turner, Judy Harper, Lorrie Henry, Missy McVay; from Grenada County, Tammie Brown, Cheryl Raney, Martha Bryant, Burt Foster; from Montgomery County, Rhonda Jones, Linda Halfacre, Lisa Crawford; from Yalobusha County, Stephanie Allen, Susan Magness.

Of the four from Grenada County, three are from Hebron Baptist Church—Burt Foster, Tammy Brown, and Martha Bryant.



These nineteen area high school and college students met at First Baptist Church, Coffeeville, for their first training session for SMYLE (Summer Missions Youth in Local

Evangelism). They came from five counties and are being led by Mrs. James Fancher, District 6 WMU director.

Devotional

Help is needed

By Ken Marler, pastor, First, Houston, Miss.
Matthew 28:19-20

My seminary days bring back so many memories. We moved to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary campus in late May. I found a summer job in downtown New Orleans. It meant catching the bus in front of the campus at 7:15 a.m. and returning at 5:45 p.m. My bus experiences were really unbelievable. I must have got the bus with the "action" at least once every other day. From stabbings to stealing and all in between, if it occurred on a bus in New Orleans, I just happened to be on that bus.

This particular day, I got off the bus (whew! safe and sound) when I saw a man lying on the side walk. People were actually stepping over him. "Is this real?" was my first reaction. After looking intently over him to see if there was something I could do, I stepped inside the drugstore to see if help had been called for. No one knew! So I called the police. They got an ambulance and the man was all right after they helped him through the epileptic seizure.

Could it really be that we live in a society that cares so little for other people that we will not at least call for help?

Most of us could not really relate to that, could we? After all, our neighbors are well and if they needed help we would be the first one there. Physical help is so convenient to give. If our friend needs a chair, he can borrow ours. If she needs a cup of sugar, borrow ours. If they need an encyclopedia, borrow ours. If they need Jesus Christ, well, we better not get too personal.

Your neighbor is in need. It is likely that on your way to church last Sunday you passed a house in which there were no plans to attend a place of worship. Help is needed. Will you give a helping hand? Jesus said, "Go . . . and lo I am with you always."

Staff Changes

Ricky Young will serve this summer as youth minister at First Baptist, Pontotoc, and Steve Williams will serve as youth minister at First Baptist, Water Valley. Both are students at Mississippi College and both recently shared with their home church, First, Pontotoc, their decision to commit their lives to Christian service.

First Church, Guntown, has called Barry Ward as pastor. He and his family have moved to the church field, in Lee County.

East Heights Church, Tupelo, has called Ray Spears as pastor.

Olivet Church, Gulf Coast, has called Bobby Quick as minister of music and youth.

Bissell Church, Lee County, has called Rusty Miller as youth director.

Ben Jonson (1644), the Elizabethan dramatist, was buried in Westminster Abbey standing up in order to save space.

For those of you interested in criminology, the science of fingerprinting for identifying people was in use in China around 700 A.D.

Larry Bein is serving as associate BSU director at the Jeff Davis coast campus. He is a graduate of Belhaven, Mississippi College, and USM and has been involved in a Christian counseling service in Gulfport for the past four years while teaching Bible and psychology at Jeff Davis. He and his family are members of Handsboro Baptist Church.

Homecoming

Crosby Baptist Church, Crosby: homecoming: Sunday, April 3, at the 11 a.m. service, with a covered dish dinner to follow; Lamar Pickens, pastor, to bring the message; Fred Humes, music director, in charge of music.

Revival Results

Gershorn (Pontotoc): March 13-18; David Ard, pastor of Shiloh Church, Lafayette County, evangelist; Delain Washington, song leader; Jackie McWhirter, pianist; Pardee Tutor, pastor; two additions by letter.

Carey handbells rate high

The William Carey College Handbell Ensemble, Mississippi's only college-sponsored handbell group, received a "Superior" rating at the Mississippi Baptist Handbell Festival held on March 18-19.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the festival hosted some 480 ringers from 28 churches around the state and from Carey College. Carey's ensemble was also honored as one of the three groups chosen to play as a "featured ensemble" for the concert on Saturday at the Mississippi College coliseum.

Stephen Garner, assistant professor of music at William Carey College, is the director of the ten-member handbell group. Handbell classes and the ensemble were instituted last year at Carey in order to help prepare musicians for music ministry in Mississippi churches.

Seminar will tell how to pick up pieces

"Picking Up The Pieces," a seminar for the formerly married and yet to be married, led by Clyde Besson of Houston, Tex., will be presented in a weekend format at 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

It will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Apr. 8, and go from 8:30 a.m. on Apr. 9, until 5 p.m.

This seminar was created by Clyde Besson, who is author of the book, *Picking Up The Pieces: Successful Single Living*, and founder of Christian Growth Ministries in Houston, Tex. There is no charge for the seminar, however, a free will offering will be taken.

A nursery for babies and toddlers and activities for school-age children will be provided. For school age children, a sack lunch should be brought on Saturday. Chuck Perschbacher will present a magic show on Friday night at 8 for the children.

Glading plans sunrise service

Glading Baptist Church, Magnolia, will hold an Easter sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. on Apr. 3. Guest speaker will be John Paul Jones, director of missions, Mississippi Association. Coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts will be served.

Later in the morning, Sunday School will be held at 10 and another service at 11. C. E. Kirkfield is the pastor.

Uniform

Confronted by the risen Lord

By John G. Armistead, pastor,
Calvary, Tupelo
Acts 9:1-16

"The mind is its own place," says Satan in Milton's *Paradise Lost*, "and in itself can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven." The mind is indeed a powerful force. The mind that is not filled with the mind of Christ is filled with evil, fear, and malice. It is a mind sick with a sickness unto death. It is a mind of pain; and the terrifying fact about this pain is that physical death will not stop it: rather the pain, the fear, the darkness, the maliciousness intensifies on and on forever and ever. It is the mind of hell—and such was the mind of Saul of Tarsus.

Saul was his Jewish name but when among Gentiles he went by his Roman name, Paul. He had grown up in the cultured city of Tarsus and received an excellent education. Like his father he became a member of the Pharisees, a Jewish sect known for its strictness in following the Torah, and in devotion to the temple and the Jewish traditions.

He had heard Stephen's sermon affirming Jesus as the Messiah. To Saul this was blasphemous in that Jesus was executed on a cross, and, in Saul's eyes, accursed of God. Like the others who heard Stephen, he was filled with rage at this new movement. To him it was poisonous and must be destroyed.

Immediately after Stephen's death, Saul led the Sanhedrin's vigorous persecution of the followers of Jesus. He captured many and brought them to trial. Some, however, escaped and fled to other cities (Acts 8:1-3).

In this passage we see how the arch enemy of the followers of Jesus was miraculously transformed. This one who had attacked the church as a wild ravaging animal has a dynamic encounter with the living Christ, and his life as well as the course of history is changed.

I. Saul, the grand inquisitor (9:1-2). The Sanhedrin was probably content merely to get Christians out of Jerusalem. Saul was not. Wherever they were, they were polluting the synagogues with their presence, he thought. This entire movement must be destroyed. Accordingly he acquired

without a blessing. Their souls were filled with joy. They went back to Jerusalem and to the temple praising God. Soon they would fill Jerusalem with their teaching (Acts 5:28). And we must fill the world with this same teaching.

Names In The News

Grady Wilson of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will be guest speaker at First, Biloxi, on May 1, which has been designated "Miracle Day" at that church.

E. Glenn Hinson, a member of the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. since 1959, will join the faculty of Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

Hinson received a BA degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., BD and Th.D. degrees from Southern and a doctor of philosophy from Oxford University.

Donald S. Hepburn, director of communications for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, has been elected director of the newly created office of public relations for the Florida Baptist Convention. Hepburn, 34, is expected to establish and develop a program of public relations and communications for the 129-year old state convention which has staff offices in Jacksonville. He is expected to begin in early May.

Also, Ty Wood, an audio-visual producer and writer from Ridgecrest, Calif., was elected media associate to develop media related ministries and services.

Wendell and Laquita Powers, missionary associates to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan ROC). He was born in Pruden, Ky. She was born near Bruce, Miss., and also lived in Lula.

Mrs. S. D. Bibb, mother of Mrs. Harry L. Raley, missionary to Taiwan, passed away Feb. 27 in Drew, Miss. Mrs. Raley may be addressed at P. O. Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan. The former Frances Bibb, she was born near Moorhead.

Edward Collins, new pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Clarke County, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Mar. 20, in a service at the New Bethel Church. Six churches were represented in the service, with six preachers and six deacons. Leland Goodman, pastor of Mont Rose Church, delivered the charge. Alfred "Buddy" Braddock, Buckatanna pastor, was interrogator for the ordaining council.

B. Philip Martin dies at age 75

B. Philip Martin, pastor, Mission Baptist Church, near Winona in Montgomery County, for 19 years, until his retirement in December, 1982, died March 21 at age 75. He had been ill for several weeks.

The funeral was held at Mission Baptist Church March 23 with Jim Allen officiating, assisted by Frank Bishop. Interment was in the Mission Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Guest Martin; one son, Philip Martin, Goodwell, Okla.; two daughters, Enid Martin, Winona, and Gail Martin Wade, Amory; and six grandchildren.

Martin was born in Burns, Ore., Nov. 19, 1907. He studied at New Orleans Seminary. While serving in the Army in the Philippines, he taught English idioms to Filipinos.

He was a preacher, teacher, journalist, musician, and poet. His writings had been published in national publications. While still living in Oregon, he played the organ, for silent movies.

For his research and inventory of records of the Old Catholic Church, he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Archbishop George Augustus Newmark of the American Old Catholic Church.

His other pastorates were in Baptist churches in New Orleans, La.; Sturgis, Miss.; Marion, Ark.; and Dunbar, S.C.



MRS. HERBERT C. CLEARMAN has received special recognition for her 35 years of volunteer service as organist of Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, Petal. The church named Feb. 27 Nina Clearman Appreciation Sunday. During a reception in her honor, the members presented to her a surprise gift—her organ shoes of 25 years, bronzed and on an engraved plaque. Mrs. Clearman, the former Nina Clinton, attended Mississippi Woman's College, now William Carey, where she majored in music. She first played for worship services at age 15, on a pump organ at Oral Baptist Church in her native Lamar County. Pictured with her are her pastor, left, David R. Young, and minister of music, Louis M. Nicolosi.

Bible conference launches California growth emphasis

ARCATA, Calif. (BP)—In a two-county association where some 90,000 persons have no church affiliation, area Southern Baptists have launched efforts to reach more persons for Christ through Sunday Schools.

More than 200 persons met at Trinity Baptist Church recently for a three-day Bible Conference to begin a growth emphasis scheduled to last six weeks. Simultaneous revivals in many North Coast Baptist Association churches will start Easter as part of the effort.

Association-wide goals for the project call for a 15 percent gain in Sunday School enrollment, weekly visitation

by representatives of each teaching unit and a weekly Sunday School attendance of 50 percent of those enrolled. Each church has set individual numerical and prayer goals.

The 19 Southern Baptist churches in Humboldt and Del Norte counties have a combined membership of fewer than 2,000 persons living in an area 50 miles wide and almost 200 miles long. More than half of the pastors are bivocational.

No matter how busy a man is, he's never too busy to stop and talk about how busy he is.

Life and work

Beyond suffering, hope

By Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor,
First, Meridian

Matt. 27:41-46, 50; 1 Peter 1:3; 2:21-25

This week for Christendom is called "holy week." Millions of Christians have been remembering the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. The week began with Palm Sunday when the throngs received him entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. They sang their "hosannas" to the messiah who had come as a peaceful sovereign to save them from their sins.

Then with the manipulating Annas who was the true "power behind the high priests" (his five sons and his son-in-law Caiaphas were merely stand-ins for him) the crowd and the Roman officials were manipulated into crucifying Jesus. The fickle crowd was turned into a lynch mob screaming in derision as Jesus' life blood flowed from the nail wounds.

Jesus' painful death (Matt. 27:41-44). No more excruciating death can be imagined than that endured when one was crucified. The hands and feet were nailed to a cross which the victim had been forced to carry to the scene of his crucifixion. The cross was then raised and allowed to slide into a prepared hole in the ground with a sickening thud. The flesh tore and warm blood spurted from the ugly wounds. As Jesus suffered the agony of his wounds he heard the religious rulers say, "He saved others, himself he cannot save."

The liars for once spoke the truth but were unaware of the veracity of their statements. The lost of the ages were being saved by his vicarious death. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." The Lamb of God suffered once for all! The plan of salvation was being perfected as the Son of God died.

Then they returned to their lies as they screamed, "Come down from the cross and we will believe." They had his perfect life, his miracles and his teaching. One more evidence of his lordship would not cause them to turn away from the sin-filled lives they had chosen to live.

Even the robbers derided him as he suffered silently. Then the displeasure of God was manifest as darkness at daytime mercifully concealed the plight of the suffering Son.

Hope springs eternal (1 Peter 1:3). On Easter we remember that the resurrection of Jesus overcame the plans of Satan and evil men. Peter remembered with weeping his disgraceful denial of the Lord when he needed a friend. Two decades later he knew the blood shed on the cross had cleansed

him from the guilt of all his sins. Now he proclaims with joy beyond bounds that the resurrection of Jesus was a foretaste of the eternal life for all the redeemed. It indeed signaled the victory Christ gained over sin and death and one which all who trusted in him shared here and later.

Eternal life (1 Peter 2:21-25). These verses are best understood in the light of the danger the first readers faced. They were accused by unbelievers falsely and were subject to abuse and insult. But far more serious was the physical danger they were subjected to. The words remind us of Isaiah 53. The suffering prophesied for the suffering servant had by then occurred. Jesus set the example for us. He had taught and practiced non-retaliation. He had commanded his disciples to be ready for the same treatment and to live as he had lived. By his example he had proved that it was possible to do so.

The secret of Jesus' ability was his trust in God. His trust had not resulted in an easy way for him, but compounded his suffering. But the very act of suffering brought unbought joy for he knew the millions were blessed by his performance of his task. His disciples who trusted in God would find themselves faced with trials in hostile courts. Many would lose their lives at the hands of cruel oppressors. "To this you were called," Peter wrote. God's invitation was to begin a life that was hazardous at first but would result in an eternal habitation with him in heaven. They did not know what the future held but they were confident in who held the future. Peter did not fear the outcome, because he was confident of their relationship to Christ.

Their return to "the Shepherd and the overseer" was a fact. It was for them to express their faith in the face of severe testing. The trials of life, of all kinds, would seem nothing "when they came to the end of their way."

Off the Record

"And how did you find the bath salts, madam?" asked the druggist. "Well, they taste very nice," said the shopper, "but frankly I don't think they have the same effect as a real bath."

An adoring mother boasted, "My son Arthur is smarter than Abraham Lincoln. Arthur could recite the Gettysburg Address when he was 10 years old. Lincoln didn't say it till he was 50."

Bible Book

The resurrection of Jesus

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Luke 24:1-53

How does one rate the acts of God in terms of their importance? The creation. The birth of Jesus. The death of Jesus at Calvary. The resurrection of Jesus. The ascension of Jesus. Which event stands out as the most important one? Can we say? Perhaps not. Each event leads into the next one. This is true not only because of the nature of each event as related to the others but, also, because God is one God and because of his character. We cannot talk about the creation, and especially the creation of man, without thinking about God's loving salvation. We cannot talk about the resurrection without thinking about Calvary. They may be separate events, but the continuity within them is unbreakable. God is that person of continuity in all of them.

Which event is the greatest? All of them. We exist because of the creation. Our peace with God is because of Calvary. Our hope every day and for eternity is based in the resurrection. Our comfort and our glory are anchored in the ascension. Our lesson Sunday is about the resurrection of Jesus.

The Women at the tomb (Luke 24:1-10). Jesus was crucified on Friday. He yielded up his spirit and died about three o'clock in the afternoon (Matthew 27:46). Joseph of Arimathea, with the assistance of Nicodemus, secured the permission of Pilate to take the body of Jesus from the cross. The burial was completed near sundown Friday as the sabbath began to dawn (Luke 23:54). No one visited the tomb of Jesus on Saturday because it was the sabbath. It was early Sunday morning, therefore, the first day of the week, when some women who had followed Jesus out of Galilee came to the tomb with spices which they had prepared for his body. Luke tells us that these women had followed Joseph and Nicodemus on Friday and had watched how they laid the body of Jesus when they buried him (Luke 23:55). When they returned to the tomb early Sunday morning they were startled to find the large stone rolled away and the tomb open. They went inside, and the body of Jesus was not there (Luke 24:3). Two men in dazzling apparel stood by the puzzled and frightened women. Then they remembered what Jesus had told them about rising again on the third day. Their fear must have turned to excitement as they went to tell the disciples and other believers.

The apostles' response (Luke 24:11-12). The disciples did not believe what the women told them. Nevertheless, Peter ran to the tomb to see for himself. John, also, ran with Peter. In fact, John outran Peter (John 20:4). John stooped and looked into the tomb and saw that it really was empty. When Peter got there he went inside. Then John went inside. They looked carefully at the pieces of clothing which were still in the tomb and noticed how each piece was laid. What they saw was more than they could grasp. It still is, is it not?

Jesus' appearance to the Emmaus disciples (Luke 24:13-35). Emmaus was a small village about seven miles from Jerusalem. Two of Jesus' disciples, after hearing the reports both of the women and of Peter and John (Luke 24:22-24), left Jerusalem, on that first resurrection day, to go to Emmaus. Jesus joined them as they traveled, but they did not recognize him. He challenged their faith to believe in his resurrection, but still they did not recognize him. It was only when they started to eat and Jesus took the loaf, blessed it, broke it and gave to them that their eyes were opened, and they knew him. Jesus vanished. The two disciples arose and hurried back to Jerusalem that very Sunday night and reported their experience to the eleven disciples who were gathered.

Jesus' appearance in Jerusalem (Luke 24:36-49). While the two disciples who had traveled to Emmaus were still recounting their experience, perhaps every little detail, Jesus stood in the midst of them. Everyone was terrified instantly. They thought a ghost had come. Jesus told them a ghost did not have flesh and bones such as they saw he had. He showed them his hands and feet. Then, while they watched, he ate a piece of fish which they handed to him. The resurrected Jesus is no ghost. His earthly body was raised, all of it, including flesh and bones, hands and feet, tongue and teeth. How can we doubt this? Thirteen grown men saw and heard him demonstrate his total bodily resurrection that very first night. He opened their minds and gave them their commission to the whole world (Luke 24:45-49).

Jesus' ascension (Luke 24:50-53). Forty days came and went between verse 49 and verse 50 in Luke's account. Jesus led the disciples out of Jerusalem, across the Kidron Valley, over near Bethany. He blessed them and ascended. He did not leave them